WASHINGTON, D. C., THURSDAY EVENING, DECEMBER 17, 1896-EIGHT PAGES.

# HUNDREDS ARE ON THE LIST

Inauguration Committees to Be Formed From 2,500 Names.

NEW LIBRARY ABANDONED

Twenty Prominent Colored Men WIII Serve on the Public Comfort Committee The Pension Office Is the Place for Inaugural Ball-Democrats Want to Take Active Part.

Twenty-five hundred names are before the inauguration executive committee for consideration in forming the various committees, as against 1,543 in 1889.

This is an extraordinarily large number-by one thousand nearly-but the fact is explained by the statement that unusual interest is felt in the inaugural event. Executive Chairman Pell states that this time the celebration embraces Republicans and Democrats slike, and, therefore, its more general character has necessarily led to a greater number of committeemen. In days gone by some trouble was expetienced In getting enough prominent Republicans to fill out the committees, but now there is more than an abundance,

Mr. Bell has received very few refusals to serve from these who have hitherto not taken any part, and it is a fact that many have voluntarily and personally placed their names in his hands for use in unities foruntian. This has been done by Democrats as well as Republicans.

It is hoped to have the various committees completed, organized and ready for work by the end of the week. All the names have been alphabetically arranged in a register, and opposite them is placed the titles of the various committees for which they have been suggested.

Before Saturday night Mr. Bell expects he shall have gone over these names, sifted themoutand given noman more committees than he can properly serve upon. Then the public announcement will be made.

NEW LIBRARY ABANDONED.

It is positively ascertained that the new Library building will not be used. All Lope of securing it has been abundoned by the executive committee, and no active steps are being taken at the Capitel to counteract the opposition there.

The Pension office will be the place for the mangural ball, and next week the arrangements for its use will be well way. The admission ticket will cost only \$5.

The morning reports show that the military committee has received letters from the Fourth Regiment of Maryland, the Fourteenth Regiment of Ohio, the York Rifle Association of Veterans of Pennsyl vania and the Newport Artillery of Rhede

Major Peixotte, clerk to the chairman, Col. Clay, has written to adjutant generals of the States asking to be informed as to the companies and regiments which expect to visit Washington. No free quarters will be provided, it is learned, and all civic and military organization will be expected to

Chairman Wright of the public comfort committee reports that he has secured and inspected accommodations in residences, hotels and halls for 958 people. His com-nutteemet last evening and organized, with sixty members present.

### NO COLOR LINE.

Col. Wright states that the color line will not be brawn in any way, shape or form. He has appointed upon his committee twenty prominent colored men and they have promised to care for all colored citizens and organizations.

"I am giving personal attention to this matter. Colored people will come here and my committee will see that they get good sleeping places, meals and everything to make them comfortable. There will not be the slightest friction and the people of Washington will be glad to be courteous to all-white or black."

The time of Mr. Bell, Corresponding Sec. retary Brackett and Recording Secretary Walker is entirely occupied this week in the consideration of routine matters and in replying to the letters received. Suggestions and inquiries as to the badges, stands, banquet and reception are pouring in, and they are referred at once to the proper

No cranks have called at the beadquarters, but a number of queer communications have come in.

A photographer, who describes himself as "a live-long Republican," wants to get a group picture of the executive committee These fellows are particularly lively about this time," jocularly commented one of the committee.

Another citizen of fertile imagination sent a number of highly-colored illustrations of an incomprehensible plan of decorating

the city. His letter is: Dear Sir: The undersigned, a citizen

of this city since the close of the war, has learned that the executive committee will meet tonight to make important decision For this reason I take the Liberty to inclose you four prepared plans, and beg to be heard. The general informatoin, obme to lay a plan of grandeur before you for the benefit of All, but especially to those who could not participate in the grand ball or at the banquet . Very courteously

P. 8.-All thirteen arches to have four balconies each to be a reserve for each Btate's lady visitors."
"I have not yet been able," said Major

Brackett, "to understand what this writer wants. It reminds me, however, of a fellow who suggested to me for the Maryland Centennial that we creet a memorial structure. He coolly said it would cost only about \$2,000,000." A communication has been received pur-

porting to give the correct figures of the attendance during recent great events here.
It is estimated that at Cieveland's first inauguration 84,000 visitors were present; 73,000 at the Kinghts Templar, 54,000 at Harrison's inauguration, 107,000 at the G. A. R. encampment, 68,000 at Cleveland's second inauguration, and 32,787 at the Knights of Pythias conclave.

"These figures are way off," said Major Brackett "There were at least 300,000 strangers here when Cleveland was first in augurated."

Among the collers today were Chairman R. H. Warner, John B. Wight, H. S. Willard, Judge John C. Chaney, Gen. Williams and M. I. Weller.

called to discuss committee work Mr. Bell and to consult him in regard to minor detaits

SUBCOMMITTEE ON STANDS. Under the provisions of a joint resolution now pending before Congress, Architect Chark, of the Capital; Col. John M. Wilson, superintendent of public buildings and grounds, and Building Inspector John B. Brady are constituted a commission to pass upon all sites suggested for observation tands for the inaversal or coaster. These stands for the inaversal or coaster.

stands for the maugural occasion. Their

approvat of locations, as well as of the character of the construction proposed, will be necessary to adoption. The committee of arheticets whose de-signs are in the hands of the inaugural executive committee, has been invited to furnish a list of the members of the Washington Chapter, with the view, possibly, of having the organization represented in the the subcommittee on stands.

#### FAVORS RECOGNITION.

Probably Favorable Report on Cenator Cameron's Cuban Resolution.

A prominent member of the Senate Com-mittee on Foreign Relations is authority for the statement that the committee was this morning polled, and that it will probably tomorrow morning order a favorable re port on Senator Cameron's resolution calling for the recognition of the republic of Cuba, and offering the friendly offices of the United States to bring the war to a

### LI HUNG CAN BE EMPEROR

Uprising Is Threatened Among the Masses in Southern China.

All That Is Needed Is That the Old Viceroy Give the Signal, for Revolt.

Vancouver, B. C., Dec. 17.—Latest advices from Canton, via the steamship Empress of India, state that the new vicerov is bitterly hated by the masses; that homesses and muddles up official business is firm where he should be easy, and exhibits ferocity when he should exercise discretion and tact.

Large quantities of arms and ammunition are said to be pouring into the Kwangtong and Kwangtsi provinces through every available channel, and the viceroy is reported to be very measy because he ma reson to believe that secret societies are very active throughout southern China. It appears, in fact, that there is every prospect of the masses rising in the southern

provinces in the near future and in such a determined manner that the insurrection will not be easily suppressed. It is a step like this that will lead to the overthrow of the present Chinese dynasty, and all that is needed is for Li Hung Chang to de-clare in their favor to lead to his being empenor of Chine.

emperor of China.

A Tokia dispatch says that Dr. Goto Shimpie, chief of the santary bureau of the home department, is reported to entertain a scheme for the gradual suppression of the opignahabit in Fornosa. Among those addicted to the habit are at least 500,000 natives.

# CALIFORNIA'S CHOICE.

Wants Horace Davis to Go in the McKinley Cabinet.

California has decided whom she wants in the Cabinet. At least the Republican members of the California delegation have

eting three names were first At the meeting three names were first presented M. H. De Young, forner Senator Charles Fedon and Judge Waynire. Representative Load withdrew the name of Mr. De Young with the statement that he had authority from Mr. De Young to say be had no desire for a place in the Cabinet. After some discussion the name of former Representative Horner Davis of San Francisco was brought up and he was agreed upon as the manimous choice of the delevation.

Mr. Davis is a son of the late Senator John Davis of Massachusetts, and a brother of Judge Davis of the Court of Claims. He s a lawyer, but for several years he has seen interested extensively in flour mills, and has not practiced his profession. Mr. Davis entered Congress in 1877, when Mr. McKinley began his first term in the House. He was for a time president of the California State University. The delegation did not indores him for any particular place, but would reside to have the constant. ut would prefer to have him given the Interior or the War Department.

# FLAGS FOR THE MARBLEHEAD

United States Cruiser Is Presented With a Splendid Set.

New York, Dec. 17 - The United States ruiser Maridehead was presented this afternoon with a splendid set of colors, consisting of a large silken American flag and several smaller ones, the gift of citi-zens of Marbiehead, the Pay State town in whose honor the man-of-war was named. The presentation took place aboard ship shortly before 3 o'clock at the Brooklyn navy yard, where the cruiser is making ready preparatory to joining Admiral Bunce's North Atlantic squadron for the

In an appropriate speech Mr. Henry C Sparkhawk, member of the board of se-lectmen of Marbichead, presented the colorsin behalf of his fellow-townsmen. nander Theodore F. Jeweit, of the Marbleheda, received them and warmly thanked the givers for their patriotic gift. The ceremonies were witnessed by

#### large party of naval officials. HAS LANDED HER CARGO.

Three Friends Again Successful, Although Pursued by Cruisers.

New York, Dec. 17.—A Journal special from Key West, Fla., says: The Three Friends, it is reported, has landed her cargo on the south shore of Cubn.

The war material, it is said, is now in the hands of the insurgents. The Three Friends was pursued by two Spanish warships, but they were unable to

Injured in Rear-End Collision. Buffalo, N. Y., Dec. 17.-Four persons were more or less seriously injured in a rear-end collision on the Lehigh Valley Railroad just south of Louisiana. street,

in this city, this morning, among them Rev. William S. Hubbell, No. 106 Oakland ave nue, late pastor of the North Presbyterian Church, this city, who had an arm broken The accident was due to the dense fog that overhung the city early this morning, rendering the signals invisible.

#### Lasker Is Still Ahead. Moscow, Dec. 17.—The eleventh game of

the championship chess match between Steinitz and Lasker, a queen's cambit declined, was won by Lasker, after sixtysix moves. Present score: Lasker, 7; Steinitz, 0; drawn, 4.

### Steward Fell Overboard.

Queenstown, Dec. 17.—The White Star Line steamer Britannic, from New York, December 19, has arrived here. She reports that last evening the steward of the ship, whose name was Galt, fell overboard, and

Swiss President Elected. Berne, Dec. 17.—The federal assembly to-day elected Dr. Adelph Deucher president of the Swiss Confederation for 1897, and Mr. E. Raffy, the present minister of the Interior, vice president. Mr. Deucher was vice president for 1895 and for 1896.

Ivy Institute Business College, 8th and K. None better \$25 a year, day or night. Watch for a town. Congress Heights.

# IN MEMORIAM.



Demented Miss Lucy Wager Wanted to Drown Herself.

SHE RAN AWAY FROM HOME overturned.

Made Her First Attempt at the Seventh Street Ferry Wharf and the Second on the "Belle H even." Taken to Alexandria, Where She Confessed Her Purpose.

Miss Lucy Wager, an aged lady, resi ling at No. 1015 North Capitol street, attempted to commit suicide by jumping into the river from the Alexandria ferry wharf, at the foot of Seventh street, and again from the ferryboat Belle Haven, about 8 o'clock this morning, but was prevented both times.

Mr. Lucien Duffy was on the wharf when he saw a woman about to throw berself overboard. He jumped forward and caught her just in time.

She then went aboard the ferry boat, but the officers watched her closely, and, then she again attempted to cast herself into the water, were on hand to preventit.
Upon the arrival of the boat in Alexandria, she was handed over to Officer Wilkinson, who took her to police headquarters.

HER RIGHT NAME. She at first gave her name as Nelly lones, but afterward admitted that it was Lucy Wager and that she lived in Wash-

ington at the above address with her sister, Miss Elizabeth Wager. When asked why she had attempted to end her life by drowning she replied that it was a sure way, but that she had man-

She said that she could not remember her age, but the officers judged from her appearance she must be about sixty years

She was attired in a plain black gown, ver which was thrown a gray shawl, but on her head she had only a light veil.

When questioned further as to her history Miss Wager said that she had been a res dent of Washington for a number of years, but that she formerly lived in Harper's Ferry, where she had a large amount of property destroyed by fire. It is believed by the Alexandria police be held until some one appears to take

charge of her. A FAMOUS FAMILY.

This forenoon Inspector Hollinberger received a message from the Alexandria police informing him of the fact. Earlier today Mr. Hollinberger had been

requested to look outfor a demented woman named Miss Wager, who had escaped from the home of her sister, No. 1015 North Capitol street, without hat, coat or other Her friends have been notified to visit the

dexandria police station and identify her Miss Wager is forty years of age, and a dece of the late Chief Justice Swayne, of the United States Supreme Court, and Ma-jor Swayne of New York, who lost one of his legs at the Battle of Chickamauga. Wager had been an inmate of St.

Elizabeth's Insane Asylum, but escaped from there and was being cared for by her sister when she ran away this morning. Schooner Puritan Ashore.

Keeper Stanley, of the life saving station at Scituati, Mass., telegraphs Supt. Kimball, of the life saving bureau, that the American schooner Puritan, bound from Portland to Glencove, with a cargo of empty barrels, stranded a mile north of the Scituati station yesterday, and that the crew of eight men was saved by the

Minister Cox Returning. Minister Magrane Cox, who has been in Washington several days receiving instructions, will leave here tomorrow by way of San Francisco, to return to his post at Guatemala and Honduras.

Duncan C. Rose, the champion sv nan of the world, arrived in Washington today. Mr. Ross will meet Corporal Nelson K. High, of Troop A, Sixth United States eavalry, on Saturday evening.

### LATE TELEGRAPHIC NEWS.

Cleveland, O., Dec. 17.—Brunner Bros., relail jewelers, assigned yesterday. The assets are estimated at \$40,000 and liabilities at \$30,000.

### EARTHQUAKE IN WALES.

Severe Shocks-Cathedral of Hereford Slightly Damaged.

London, Dec. 17.—Two strong shocks of earthquake were felt throughout Wales, the Midlands and the south of England early this morning. The first shock occurred at 3 o'clock, and the second at 5.30, the waves passing from west to east. Houses were violently shaken, beds moved from their places, doors forced open, and furniture overlaying!

Telegrams from all quarters concur in the statement that the first shock was of thirty minates duration, and was followed by a load, rembing sound and minor trem-blings of the carth.

The second shock was shorter, but more severe. Many people in Windsor, Chelten ham and other places rusted out of their houses, but no one was hurt. The sathedra at Hereford was damaged somewhat, but no other serious damaged special.

# OBJECT TO HOTEL CHARGES

Philadelphia Clubs Find Fault With Washington Inaugural Rates.

Say There Is a Combine-Talking Now of Chartering Sleeping and Dining Cars.

(Special to The Times.) combine of Washington hotel keepers. A call is to be issued shortly for a

meeting of representatives of the various local political organizations that are likely to attend the inauguration of Presidentelect McKinley on the 4th of March next. The proposed meeting grows out of a The proposed meeting grows out of a trip made to Washington a few days ago by a committee of the Penrose Club.

The Philadelphians visited the National Capital with a view of securing quarters for the members of the organization during theinauguration period. When they learned the rates at the various hotels the committeemen nearly fainted.

They were interfibed, they claim that

They were informed, they claim, that they would have to sign a contract for five days and that the charge would be from \$6 to \$8 per day for each person, with from four to six persons in each

As a result of that trip the statesmen As a result of that trip the statesmen declare that the hotel men of Washington have formed a combination or trust for the purpose of "squeezing" the clubs that at-tend the inauguration. The Philadelphian-declare that they will not be squeezed, and they propose to get even with the hotel men by remaining away from their hotels. A preliminary medium has already been A preliminary meeting has already been held at the Penrose Cipb house and the con-

sensus of opinion is in favor of chartering special trains and using them for sleeping and hotel purposes. Magistrate Devlin, who is very much interested in the subject. said last night he was confident satis factory terms could be made with the rail-

road companies.

He thought that dining and sleeping cars might be readily attached to the trains, which could be sidefracked during the stay of the club in Washington. The members of the clubs are not somuch incensed at the rate per day as at the attempt to compe them to sign a five days' contract, when they had no intention or desire to remain in Washington more than three days.

Two Important Arrests. Two important arrests were made by the

Fourth precinct police this afternoon. Po-liceman. Peck took into custody Samuel Thomas, colored, who entered Lizzie Kressen's store, No. 618 Four-and-a-half street southwest, last night, and snatched two sourwest, tast hight, and shadened two new ladies' coats. He then ran out of the store and escaped in the darkness. The other arrest was made by Policeman Anderson of a colored man who is believed

to be the thief who snatched a lady's purre Pacific Railroads Debate. The Powers bill, providing for a settle ment of the indebtedness of the Pacific

Railroads, will be brought up in the House shortly after the holiday recess. It is said today that debate on the measure will begin on January 6.

Colored Home Reported Favorably. The Senate Committee on Education and Labor today reported favorably a bill ap-propriating \$100,000 for the establishment in the city of Washington of a national me for aged and infirm colored people.

Mr. Bull, of Rhode Island, introduced in the House today a ball appropriating \$50,-000 for the erection of a statue of James G. Blaine, in the city of awshington.

For a Statue to Blaine.

Recess Army Nominations. The President today sent to the Senate the nominations of those appointed and promoted in the army during the recess.

Arrived There This Morning and Will Not Stay Long.

LARGE CROWD AT THE DEPOT

Greeted Him With Hearty Cheers as He Emerged From the Building. His First Inquiry Upon Meeting His Friend Was Concerning His Wife's Health.

Chicago, Dec. 17.-Major McKinley ar rived at the Union station at 8 o'clock this morning in the private car of J. S. Brooks, general counsel of the Pennsylvania Road, which was attached to the New York express. The trip from Canton

Major McKinley slept well and is in excellent spirits this morning. He is look-ing forward with pleasure to the period of recreation which awaits him. Lafayette McWilliams was the first person to greet Major McKinley upon his arrival. He in-vited the whole party to take breakfast at the Union League Club, but arrange. ments had already been made to serve the Philadelphia, Dec. 17.—Republican clubs | meal on the car, which was placed on a string are up in arms over an alleged siding a short distance from the station.

CHEERED BY THE CROWD. It was 9 o'clock when Major McKinley eft the car and walked through the station to the street where Capt. McWilliams' carriage was awaiting. As the Presidentelectemerged from the station he was heartily cheered by a large crowd which had assempted, and it was with difficulty that

Capt. H. O. Heistand, who is Major Me-Kinley's confidential secretary, drave with him to the residence of Capt, McWilliams. Major McKinley said this morning that he expected to spend the day quietly with his wife and did not expect to receive any His first utterance when Capt. McWill-

iams boarded the car this morning was an inquiry about the health of his wife, and he expressed great satisfaction when he was assured that her health had improved daily since she came to Chicago. ABNER MCKINLEY'S FLYING TRIPS.

Abner McKinley, who came from the East on the train by which the Presidentelect left Canton, traveled on to Chicago but will leave for New York this evening. He is the guest today of Charles S. Dawes. spend Friday and part of Saturday at the sidence of Mr. Dawes, in Evanston.

This is Major McKinley's first visit to Chicago since he made his memorable speech before the Marquette Club, in Februar v last.

#### ANOTHER BOLD ROBBERY. F.W. Smillie's House Was Plundered of Valuable Jewelry.

another robbery, evidently the work of professionals. Thomas W. Smillie, No. 1868 R street northwest, reported today that his resi dence was entered between 7 and 8 o'clock

The headquarter detectives are at work

Monday evening by means of a false or skeleton key.

After ransacking the place the burglars got away with a gold locket, large camed berastpin, gold brooch, garnet setting; two plain gold rings, one Columbian brooch a carnival brooch, World's Fair souvenirs gold scarfpin, pair gold bracelets and a

set of gold shirt studs, at a total value of It is believed this was the work of the same crooks who entered and robbed Mr. Aukam's house, as described in The Evening Times yesterday. They work from the second story with skeleton keys or jimany.

## BLOCKED BY THE SNOW.

Railroad Traffic Suspended in the Bay State. Middleboro, Mass., Dec. 17.-Up to 9:30

o'clock this forenoon no trains had reached here from Cape Cod since noon yesterday. All the wires below Buzzard's Bay are down, and no train has reached that section from below since yesterday noon. The streets here are badly blocked, and the mails from Boston are at least eight hours late.

Ohio Miners Accept a Reduction.

Massilon, Ohio, Dec. 17.—After being on a strike for some months the 300 miners at Wainwright have accepted 51 cents per ton, as offered by the Midvale Goshen Com-pany.

PRESSURE UPON TURKEY.

Than They Expect to Get. New York, Dec. 17.—A special cable dis-patch to the Herald from Constantinoph-says: The return of the Russian ambassacor, M. De Nelicoff, yesterday afternoon cre-ated a mild flutter of speculative excite-ment, as he is the bearer of the latest direc-

tions of the czar for the future policy of The general opinion here is that Russia has not changed her policy of firm moral has not changed her policy of firm moral pressure to obtain the necessary reforms, in conjunction with the other powers, but will show equal firmness against force be-ing used.

The powers will, in the opinion of a high diplomat, now formulate extensive de diplomat, now formulate extensive de-mands, but are prepared to accept onch less than they ask for. A sensitional account publishes in the London Darry Mail, repre-senting that a reign of terror is existing here owing to the arrest of a few young Turks, is wildly imaginative. A dispatch from Conca, Crete, Decem-ber 14 states that the cendarmaries reor-

A dispatch from Conea, Cree, better ber 14, states that the gendarmaries reorganization committee has arrived there and has calmed the excitement that was pre-

# WARRIORS BOLD ARE THEY

Many More Volunteers Want to Die Fighting for Cuba.

Ready to Go Against Spaln-Tr. laed Nurses at Minneapolis.

Tacoma Has a Whole Regiment

Tacoma, Wash., Dec. 17 -Tacoma has offered a regiment of 1,200 men, all well drilled and officered by thorough tacti-cians, to help the United States destroy the power of Spainin Cuba. The offer was made in the following telegram:
"To Senator Watson C. Squire: For Cu-

ba's freedom Tacoma has a volunteer regi-ment to place at disposal of government. "W. F. FIFE."
The work of organizing was begun sev eral months ago, when the talk of war with Spain was first heard. Officers were carefully chosen and the men were thorughly drilled. The plan has been kept a secret, and no one outside the organization

itself has been allowed to get an inkling

of what was going on. The formation of the regiment is of four battalions of three companies each. Each company has its full complement of 100 men. Col. Fife has been chosen the commander of the regiment.

Union, Ill., Dec. 17 .- The people of this community forcibly expressed their sym-pathy for Cuba last evening by burning an effigy of Gen. Weyler and the Spanish flag.

expedition to go to Cuba in aid of the insurgents. Minneapolis, Minn., Dec. 17 .- Several rained nurses of this city have volunteered o go to Cutm, and they agree to pay their own expenses if some one will arrange matters so that they can get there. Eighty nen have velunteered, and the junta in New York has been telegraphed to see if there was not some way in which the nurses in particular could reach Cuba, as it is believed that there are fully a dezen

# nurses here who are willing to go.

HIS SCAFFOLD IN READINESS. Marlboro Has Completed Prepara-tions for Hanging James Smith. Special to The Times.

Upper Marlboro, Md., Dec. 17.—James Smith's hours are numbered. The young colored man who nurdered Miss Marwill pay the penalty of his crime on the scaffold tomorrow forenoon. The hanging will take place on a new scaffold.

Smith is still confined in the Baltimore jail, where he was taken immediately after his capture. He occupies cell No. 16 in "murderers' row." For a long time the murderer maintained a spirit of indifference margerer mannament a spirit of insurerence as to his fate, and smilingly welcomed the death which was awaiting him.

A colored Paptist minister has made daily visits to his cell. He sang and prayed with the prisoner, and Smith finally consented

o prepare for the inevitable. Yesterday ie devoted his hours to singing hymns read ng the Pible and praying fervently He has been provided with a new suit of dark clothing by Sheriff Underwood, who went to Baltimore tais marning. Smith, se-curely handcuffed, will be taken to an early train tomerrow morning, guarded by Mr. Underwood and Deputy Waring. The

party will reach here about 10:30 e'clock

a. m. In the meantime all the arrangements for the execution have been perfected, and there will be no delay. The drop will fall between 11 o'clock and noon, there is some mishap. Which is not ooked for. A number of invitations to the hanging neatly printed cards, have been issued, and

ected that a large crowd will wit ness the execution.

The last murderers to explate their of fense at the jail here were Pinkney and Barbour, the negroes who murdered Mr. The next hanging after that Smith will be George Matthews, convicted of the murder of James J. Irwin, unless his sentence is commuted. Matthews is also in the Baltimore Jail and will tomor-row be removed to cell No. 16, which will be vacated by Smith.

KILLED HIS SISTE Twelve-Year-Old John Masterson's Poor Aim Cost a Life.

John Masterson's poor marksmanship rith a shotgan cost his sister her life this forenoon. John is a colored boy twelve years of age and his sister, Martha E. Masterson,

was seven her last birthday. They liv with their parents on Pierce Mill road, beyoud Georgetown and near the President's About 8 o'clock this morning a large flock of sparrows settled down near the Masterson home and John ran into the house and seized his father's shotgun. Re-turning to the lot in front of the house he

was followed by little Martha, who wanted to see John bring down the birds. He raised the gun and fired, but instead of striking the birds the load of shot entered his sister's body, tearing a great

of her face being torn off, and Dr. E. W. Slaymaker summoned. He could do nothing for the badly injured child, and she died about 10:15 o'clock. The Georgetown police were notified, but decided that the shot was accidental.

She was taken into the house, one side

Recaptured in Baltimore. James Plaxton and William Bate, two ids who recently escaped from the Industrial Home School, were recaptured yesterday in Baltimore. They were returned to

Coroner Hammett was notified.

the school today. Flooring, \$1.50 for 100 Feet. Kin-dried heart, one width, one length. Libbey & Co., 6th st. and New York ave.

#### PUTTING UP THE BARRIERS Powers Will Demand More Reforms

Senate Takes Up Bill Amending Immigration Laws.

ONE CENT.

EDUCATION TEST EXACTED

Persons Over Sixteen Years of Age Must Be Able to Read and Write Some Language-Cuban Refugees to Be Excepted From the Operations of the Law.

The House hill to amend the mamigration aws was take nop in the Senate this afterneon.

The Senate amendment was modified so as to make the exclusion paragraph read: "All persons over sixteen years of age who cannot read and write the language of their native country, or some other language: but an admissible immigrant over such age of sixteen may bring with him, or send for, his wife or parent or grandparent, crinit occluid or grandchild, not with standing their inability to read and write."

CUBANS TO BE EXCEPTED. Mr. Morgan moved to amend the bill so that it shall not apply to immigrants from Cuba. The demands of humanity, he said, were obvious in relation to Cuba. The United States could not afford to send back

a Cuban to the merciless grasp of the

men from whom he had escaped. The exception, he argued, could be made without interfering with the general clause in treat-ies as to "the most favored nations." Mr. Hoar suggested that the better way rould be a provision authorizing the Secretary of State to provide for the admission of immigrants fleeing from War or polit Ical oppression, or in consequence of political

Mr. Morgan's amendment to the immigration bill, that the exclusion under the law shall not apply to Cutan refugees, was agreed to-yeas 47, nays 6.

When the Senate convened this morning a motion by Mr. Hale, that when the Senate adjourn today it adjourn until Monday, met with some remonstrances on both sides of the chamber, but was agreed to without The Rouse amendments to the Senate bill

as to the lands of the Atlantic and Pacific Railroad Company were laid before the Senate, and were, on motion of Mr. Hill, nonconcurred in and a conference asked— Sentaors Hill, Platt and Clark being ap pointed conferees on the part of the Senate. In presenting a lot of petitions from Alabama, declaring that there was no lawful State government in that State, Mr. Chand-Decatur, Mich., Pec. 17.-A number of young men of Buchanan have organized an ler collided with Mr. Allen in reference to the failure of Mr. Allen's resolution of inquiry on that subject last session, Mr. Chandler asserting that the resolution had failed because of some intemperate remarks of Mr. Allen's questioning the Republican Senators, and Mr. Allen denyfor that, but asserting that he had a grave simpleion that the resolution never would

be acted on in good faith on the Republican side of the chamber. The House till as to the public building in Newport, Ky., reducing the requirement of an open space from fifty to forty feet,

was on motion of Mr. Blackburn taken up and passed. A till to authorize the construction of a siltoud bridge across the Saline River between LocIslana and Texas was reported

IN THE HOUSE. When the House adjourned Wednesday ernoon it was dividing upon th ment to the army appropriation bill, recommended by the committee of the whole, to except the hospital at Hot Springs, Ark,

ance of hospitals. After the reading of the journal the Speaker put the question and the year and mays were ordered. The amendment was agreed , 151 to 80, and then the bill passed. Mr. Curtis, from the Committee on Mili-

emy appropriation bill for the year ending June 30, 1898. Calendar. SEVEN MEN UNDER RUINS.

tary Affairs, reported the Military Acad-

Coal Shed Collapses at a Wharf in Poston. Boston, Dec. 17 .- A serious actident is

reported at Chapin, Wood & Co.'s whirf,

It is said that a coal shed collapsed, burying seven men in the ruins. HAWAII WANTS ANNEXATION.

Ex-Minister Thurston Again Leader

of the Movement.

n Atlantic avenue

Honolulu, Dec. 10.-Correspondence of ie United Associated Presses, per steamer Marinosa: The departure of ex-Queen Lilluokalani for the United States was conducted with great secrecy, only half a dozen intimates knowing of her plans. On the way to the

steamer she called on President Dold and informedhim of her trip. Nothing is known of the object of her journey.

The annexation club has been reorganized, with L. A. Thurston as president. The annexation sentiment is again very strong, the government and most of the white

Alert arrived yesterday to relieve the COURT OF APPEALS DECISIONS.

Washington Gaslight Company Is Granted a Writ of Error.

The court of appeals adjourned early today, after rendering several decisions. In the case of the Washington Gas Light Company, against which Thomas G. Lansden recently obtained a court of appeals decision affirming a judgment of \$12,500 for libel, the chief justice today granted the defendants a writ of error to the United States Supreme Court.

case of Aaron Straus against

Thomas G. Hensey; the court of appeals affirmed the judgment of the lower juris-The decision of the lower court was reersed in the suit of Samuel Bieber against

Martin S. Fechheimer. West Point Cadets Appointed,

to the Military Academy at West Point; Frederick D. Grfiffith, jr., Sacramento, Cal.; J. M. Van Delden, Chicago, 111.; F. W. Clark, alternate, Chicago, Ill.; Harvey B. Inman, Dayton, O.; Omar F. Telford, Salem, 111.

The following endets have been appointed

Treasury Receipts.

The receipts from internal revenue today were \$595,223; from customs, \$237,219. and miscellaneous, \$65,558